

to fix the air tariff by competing with private airlines who are making offer of Rs. 9 for Rs. 22,000 worth ticket; and

(b) whether there is any law contemplated to regulate air tariff?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION  
(SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) and (b) No, Sir.

### **Closure of registered companies**

587. SHRI N.R. GOVINDARAJAR: Will the Minister of COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of registered companies in the country, State-wise;

(b) the number of closed companies out of the registered companies; State-wise;

(c) the reasons for the closure of the registered companies; and

(d) the scheme formulated by Government for the revival of the closed companies?

THE MINISTER OF COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA): (a) and (b) A Statement is annexed (See below).

(c) The reasons for closure of registered companies may be one or more of the following:

(i) inability of commence the business;

(ii) unwillingness to do the business;

(iii) changed circumstances of the business due to business policy, Government policies;

(iv) financial sickness;

(v) economic unviability etc;

(d) There is no specific scheme formulated by the Government for the revival of the closed companies.

**Statement*****State-wise total number of companies registered and closed***

| Sl. No. | State                         | Total No. of Registered Companies | Total No. of closed Companies | Position as on |
|---------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------|
| 1       | 2                             | 3                                 | 4                             | 5              |
| 1.      | Andhra Pradesh                | 50967                             | 3702                          | 31.10.06       |
| 2.      | Assam                         | 4731                              | 10                            | 16.11.06       |
| 3.      | Bihar                         | 9225                              | 306                           | 30.10.06       |
| 4.      | Jharkhand                     | 3466                              | 155                           | 30.10.06       |
| 5.      | Gujarat                       | 49494                             | 6017                          | 31.10.06       |
| 6.      | Haryana                       | 36455                             | 2232                          | 21.11.06       |
| 7.      | Himachal Pradesh              | 2493                              | 479                           | 27.11.06       |
| 8.      | J & K                         | 2089                              | 271                           | 17.11.06       |
| 9.      | Karnataka                     | 35254                             | 7953                          | 30.11.06       |
| 10.     | Kerala                        | 16122                             | 2773                          | 31.10.06       |
| 11.     | Madhya Pradesh & Chhattisgarh | 15321                             | 4004                          | 31.10.06       |
| 12.     | Maharashtra                   | 165316                            | 34102                         | 31.10.06       |
| 13.     | Manipur                       | 185                               | 1                             | 16.11.06       |
| 14.     | Meghalaya                     | 530                               | 1                             | 16.11.06       |
| 15.     | Nagaland                      | 268                               | 3                             | 16.11.06       |
| 16.     | Orissa                        | 8970                              | 1001                          | 16.11.06       |
| 17.     | Punjab                        | 16912                             | 4842                          | 27.11.06       |
| 18.     | Rajasthan                     | 23275                             | 1502                          | 21.11.06       |
| 19.     | Tamil Nadu                    | 74703                             | 11170                         | 20.11.06       |
| 20.     | Tripura                       | 118                               | 0                             | 16.11.06       |

| 1      | 2                           | 3      | 4      | 5        |
|--------|-----------------------------|--------|--------|----------|
| 21.    | Uttar Pradesh & Uttaranchal | 32730  | 1646   | 20.11.06 |
| 22.    | West Bengal                 | 93049  | 6658   | 20.11.06 |
| 23.    | Arunachal Pradesh           | 289    | 4      | 16.11.06 |
| 24.    | Delhi                       | 155652 | 16031  | 21.11.06 |
| 25.    | Goa                         | 4865   | 630    | 31.10.06 |
| 26.    | Mizoram                     | 40     | 1      | 16.11.06 |
| 27.    | Pondicherry                 | 2007   | 755    | 16.11.06 |
| TOTAL: |                             | 804506 | 106279 |          |

### **Classical language status to Kannada and Tulu**

**588. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY:** Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the criteria for conferring classical language status on a language;

(b) the number of Indian languages conferred the status so far and languages identified for the purpose;

(c) whether there is a demand for conferring the classical language status on Kannada and Tulu; and

(d) if so, the details in this regard and Government's reaction thereto?

**THE MINISTER OF CULTURE (SHRIMATI AMBIKASONI):** (a) As per Notification issued by the Ministry of Home Affairs, the criteria for classification of a language as a classical language is as under:

(i) High antiquity of its early texts/recorded history over a period of 1500-2000 years.

(ii) A body of ancient literature/texts, which is considered a valuable heritage by generations of speakers.